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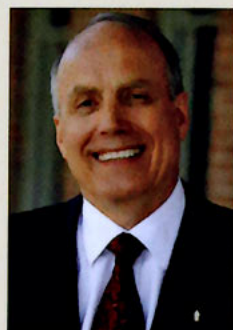
## Face to Face

**Deans' Initiative promotes  
an open dialogue  
about civility on campus**





## Courageous First Steps



IN DOING BACKGROUND RESEARCH FOR UT's 80TH anniversary, I spent a good amount of time reading and thinking about our founder and first president, Frederic Spaulding. The amount of passion and commitment he had to higher education, to young people and to this fledgling institution that he created from almost nothing is astounding.

Not only did Spaulding start UT from nothing, he did it all in the midst of the Great Depression, one of the worst economic periods of our country's history. There was 25 percent unemployment, there were no jobs, and the despair was palpable. Given today's economic turbulence, I can only imagine how extraordinarily challenging, courageous and risky — even perhaps crazy — it would have been to start a new institution. Anyone who has started a business or organization knows how difficult it is when you have little more than a dream.

But it's my belief that Spaulding was so committed to the youth of that era in Tampa — who had few options for higher education — that he would not be denied his dream. He provided hope for young people and for the growing community of Tampa. Spaulding reached for his dream when he easily could have shrugged it off as unachievable.

Those early years were incredibly tough. It's easy for us to think how fortuitous Spaulding was in securing the Tampa Bay Hotel. But in 1933 the hotel was rundown, vandalized and leaking — nearly on the verge of demolition. Spaulding divided his time between governing a new university and single-handedly boarding up windows, repairing roofs, building library stacks and furnishing laboratories with very little money. Fortunately, he recalls, labor was cheap and many local businesses shared his vision and were willing to provide credit on the promise of future payment.

Certainly other presidents that followed shared Spaulding's vision. David Delo (whose wife, Estelle, is featured on page 36) impacted UT's future when he changed course in the 1960s. He envisioned UT not as a commuter school solely for Tampa residents, but as a residential institution that would serve students, as it does today, from all states and dozens of foreign countries — many of whom stay in the Tampa Bay area to add to the region's vitality.

While in the midst of today's Great Recession we are reminded of the many challenges of continuing to build our university. We have steadily achieved record enrollments, made numerous improvements to our educational experience, transformed our campus, and even restored Plant Hall, but let me be clear that it has not been at all easy.

We honor Frederic Spaulding's courageous first steps and thank the community leaders, donors, friends and employees who have facilitated UT's development over the past 80 years. To all of these people we say thank you for helping UT to survive and thrive. Thank you for helping us to change lives and create tomorrow, and for enabling us to leave a wonderful community legacy.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we realize still unfolding dreams for UT's future.

Ronald L. Vaughn, Ph.D.  
*President*

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# news of note



Shani Bennett '15 (left) is participating in the initial year of the Helios program overseen by Lorie Kittendorf (right).

## A High-speed On-ramp for Student Success

OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, UT HAS committed tremendous resources to student development and support services. A new partnership with the Helios Education Foundation expands these efforts toward increasing college graduation rates for first-generation and under-represented students.

The Arizona-based foundation has granted UT \$1.3 million over four years to support the University's "Student Success — Responding to a National Imperative" initiative, which targets full-time students who are studying mathematics, education, technology and science-related disciplines, who are members of minority groups and/or first-generation college students and who are from the state of Florida.

The program integrates services

from UT's academic, student support and financial aid departments, including the creation of micro academic communities in which students can interact with faculty and staff, the formation of an Office of Student Success and financial aid for students with the greatest financial need.

One component already making an impact is a peer mentoring program. Nine undergraduate peer mentors — called SPEARs (Spartan Peers Educating About Resources) — are assigned 20-30 students, divided by college. SPEARs generate conversation with students on issues that are critical throughout the first eight weeks of the semester, meet informally for coffee or lunch and go to major events as a group.

Within UT's current enrollment, 256 students have been identified as the initial cohort, including Shani Bennett, a freshman from Miami. Bennett is undecided about her major, but has considered pre-dentistry. Obtaining a job on campus is one part of the Helios grant program, which so far has been beneficial for Bennett. "I get exposure to different employers and meet a lot of new people," she said. She added that she and her Helios student mentor have already talked about future class schedules and doing community service at a local school.

Lorie Kittendorf, director of the new Office of Student Success, said that the Helios grant allows the University to approach the support of this student population intentionally and tactically. She added that a unique feature of this program is that much of the support comes from fellow students.

"We never know what person, event or moment will help a student connect to an institution, but we do know how critical student engagement and involvement are for persistence and success," said Kittendorf. "Our team of graduate academic coaches and undergraduate peers will hopefully serve as a key resource for the information, advice, support and involvement that are so critical for student learning and persistence."

The success of this program will be measured by increased persistence and graduation rates of the cohorts — with projections being an increase of up to 17 percent over four years — as well as increased engagement of the students in all aspects of the college experience.

"I think this program has the potential to have a tremendous impact on the lives of both the students targeted by the grant, and those who are helping us build the program," said Kittendorf.



"The ultimate goal isn't to be CEO. It's to lead yourself successfully, and then you'll have a better life."

—FORMER TAMPA MAYOR PAM IORIO  
LEADER-IN-RESIDENCE, SYKES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

## Green Building Leaders

### *UT Receives Gold and Silver LEED Certifications*

THE DICKEY HEALTH AND WELLNESS Center recently received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The building is UT's second to receive LEED certification, joining the Science Annex, which received LEED Gold certification. The two buildings are the first at UT built in accordance with the rigorous standards set by USGBC's LEED green building certification program.

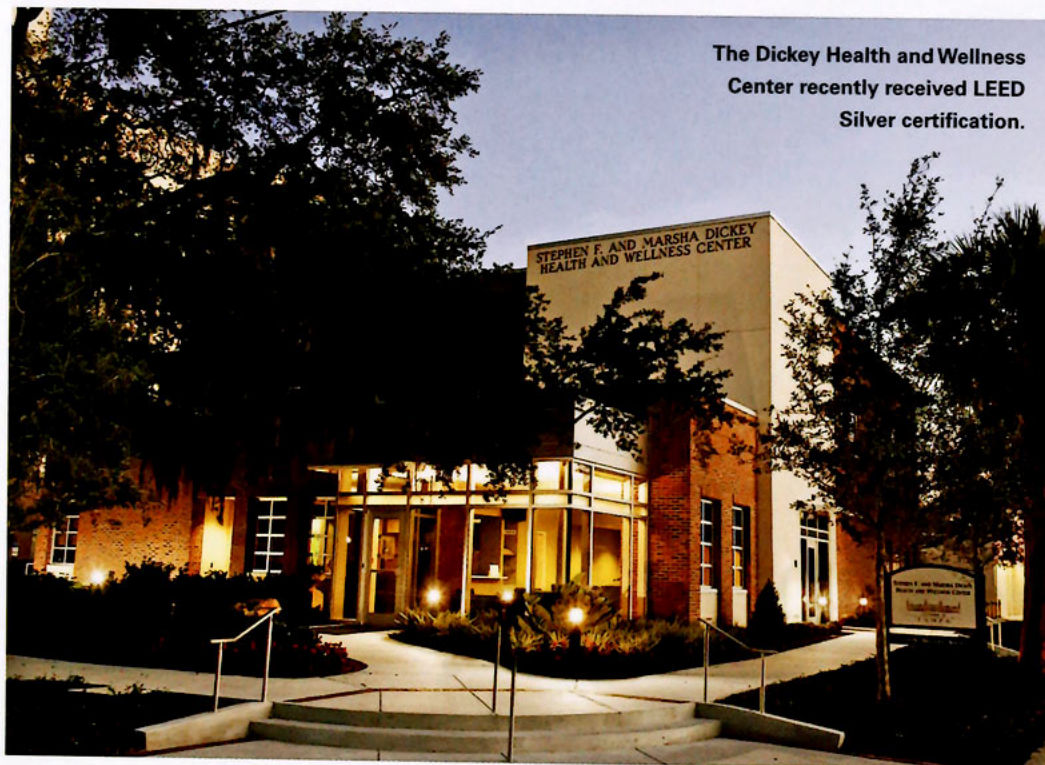
The center achieved Silver certification by focusing on "green" goals and strategies. The building performs 19 percent more efficiently than a typically built building, utilizes paints and other materials with a low volatile organic compound make up, uses 40 percent less water than a similar building by using low-flow toilets and fixtures,

and incorporates many materials with high volumes of recycled content.

The UT Class of 2010 helped ensure that the health and wellness center would receive LEED certification through senior gift committee funding. The senior gift helped UT retain the local firm REAL Building Group to monitor design and construction processes at the site. According to Rick Ogorek, vice president of administration and finance, their efforts helped confirm that the necessary documentation of the plans, materials and construction were in place so that UT's filing for LEED certification was easily prepared.

"We felt that the University could partner with the Class of 2010 in creating the legacy of a LEED certified student service facility on the campus," Ogorek said.

The Dickey Health and Wellness Center recently received LEED Silver certification.



## THE CLASS OF 2015

14,786

applications received

1,625

freshmen enrolled

2 valedictorians

21 International Baccalaureate Scholarships

*Up from six in Class of 2014*

20% international students

*Top countries: Saudi Arabia, Cayman Islands, Bahamas, Canada, Kuwait*

*Other countries: Iceland, Burundi, Mauritius, Serbia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cyprus, Vietnam, Mali, Myanmar, Mozambique, Norway, Hungary*

### NOTABLE NAMES:

**Christina Morse** — Miss Maine Teen USA

**Kelsey Lay** — National Hot Rod Association drag racer at the Super Comp level (180 miles-per-hour)

**Aubree Freeman** — UT volleyball player, sister of Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Josh Freeman

### MOST POPULAR MAJORS:

Marine Science, Psychology, Communication, Management



## An Artist Observing Artists

INA KAUR SAT FOR HOURS THIS SUMMER mesmerized by the rhythmic stamping of Indian artists who use hand-carved wood blocks to create designs on fabric. Kaur, an assistant professor of art, traveled to the villages of Jaipur and Jodhpur with the help of a 2011 David Delo Research Professor Grant in an attempt to understand and bridge the gap between traditional and contemporary art practices.







## Former Mayor Eager to Develop UT Student Leaders

FORMER TAMPA MAYOR PAM IORIO HAS been named the new leader-in-residence in the TECO Center for Leadership in the Sykes College of Business. This position fulfills one of the College of Business' goals of housing outstanding professionals on campus.

"As focused as we are on experiential education, this brings experience

directly to campus," said Dean Frank Ghannadian, who is looking forward to Iorio's impact on UT. "Her experience will be very valuable for our students."

Iorio, who completed two terms as Tampa's mayor, will guest lecture in classes, help develop the leadership programs on campus, integrate leadership sessions with the Sykes Chapel

and Center for Faith and Values, and be an advocate for UT in the community.

"I'm happy and proud to be associated with UT," said Iorio. "I think it's really important to share what you know with young people."

Iorio, now a public speaker and author, said that the world is in need of honest, respectful and strategic leaders.

"To be a straightforward leader means being a person of substance, knowing how to deal with tragedies, adjusting to change which is exponentially fast and aligning your personal and professional lives which should be congruent," Iorio said.

She said students should be considering leadership development as something integral to their education. It starts with how they lead themselves in their own life, which evolves to leading friends and family and then to the workplace.

"The ultimate goal isn't to be CEO," Iorio said. "It's to lead yourself successfully, and then you'll have a better life."

On Sept. 23 Iorio received the Tampa Bay Ethics Award at a ceremony hosted by UT's Center for Ethics. This award recognizes individuals who promote and encourage ethics and integrity in the workplace or other organizations, and who exhibit respect, trustworthiness and fairness.

"I always try to live life a certain way, set high standards for myself and be honest," said Iorio, who shies away from the attention but is humbled by the award. "It all seems basic to me."

**Rewarding Good Works** UT's PEACE Volunteer Center was named the Philanthropic Service Organization of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Florida Suncoast Chapter. For the 2010-2011 academic year, PEACE recorded 25,000 hours of community service donated by UT students, faculty and staff.





Today U2 is arguably known as much for its social causes as its music.



## Band Uses Brand to Sell Social Messages

WHEN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MARKETING Virginie Kharé uses the band U2 as an example of successful social marketing, her undergraduate students mostly know the band as “the guy with the sunglasses fighting for African countries.”

Today U2 is arguably known as much for their social causes — global health, poverty, third-world debt, human rights — as they are for their music, especially among younger audiences. More than any international brand, they have been able to bring awareness, influence behavioral change and win over fans through their advocacy of international social issues, Kharé says.

Her recently published article, “Social Marketing and Rock ‘n’ Roll: The Power of the U2 Brand,” describes U2’s ascent from a working class Irish band to an international brand that has

influenced how other corporations, such as Ford and Nike, include social responsibility as part of their business model.

Social marketing is best described as a method to influence behavioral change through advocating social issues. It’s closely tied to cause-related marketing, in which one goal would

be to influence buying habits with a corporation’s stance on social issues.

But while some may argue that U2 has used social advocacy to remain relevant and maintain celebrity, Kharé disagrees.

“U2 uses their music, their concerts as a platform for changing fans’ behaviors,” Kharé said. “But I don’t think it’s because they want to sell more CDs. It’s what they believe and what they promote.”

Kharé, who grew up in France listening to U2 on cassette tapes in the 1980s, looks to 1985’s Live Aid concert as the turning point when U2 clearly used its celebrity to advocate social issues. Prior to that U2 toured extensively and “furiously,” Kharé said, especially in the United States, building a devoted audience internationally.

Clearly their cultivation of fans through music and social change has been a successful model. U2’s recent 360° tour is considered the most successful ever, selling 7 million tickets between 2009 and 2011.

Although U2 may be criticized for hypocrisy, given the extraordinary costs and environmental impact of their tours, Kharé believes their strong message and advocacy outweighs the negatives. Undoubtedly many of those 7 million audience members today are further promoting U2’s social causes.

“Their impact musically has been amazing. And in terms of social marketing, I can’t think of any band that has measured up to them,” Kharé said.

## MICROSCOPE DEDICATED

A JSM-6010LA Analytical Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) was dedicated on Nov. 11 in Plant Hall. An SEM bounces a beam of electrons off an object to magnify it up to 300,000 times. The purchase of this device was made possible in part by the generous contributions of Dr. R. Vijayanagar, a UT Board of Trustees member, and his wife.





# spartan sports



The men's lacrosse team prepping to take on its first regular season opponent, Florida Southern.

## LAX Ready to Make UT History

*Men's lacrosse will play its first game Feb. 10*

WITH 12 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and 73 Sunshine State Conference titles, UT Athletics already has a rich history of success. Rory Whipple, head coach of the new men's lacrosse team, hopes to add a few records to that history when the men's lacrosse team takes the field this spring.

The team will play its first game Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, at 7

p.m. against longtime rival Florida Southern College. UT is scheduled to play eight home games in the 2012 season, competing in the Deep South Conference.

"I am honored to be a part of this historic season," said Whipple. "We have been preparing for a long time, and it will be great to get out there and start playing. I feel that lacrosse will be

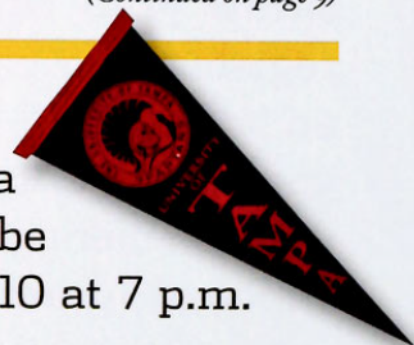
an excellent addition to this outstanding University."

Whipple said his staff recruited nationally and brought nearly 100 athletes to UT for tryouts. "This was a long and enduring process that included a vast amount of hard work by the staff," said Whipple.

The lacrosse team's fall roster

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**Be there for the first game!** There will be a special section of seating reserved for UT alumni, and the Tampa Bay Chapter of the UT National Alumni Association will be sponsoring a halftime social. Game is scheduled for Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.







(From left) Angela Gillisse '02, Stacy Wheeldon '95, Steve Clamp '96 and Stacy Estes Yates '02 at a 300 Spartans event.

## 300 Spartans Club Gives Back to Athletics

IN ITS INITIAL YEAR, THE EXCLUSIVE letterman's club 300 Spartans hosted a post-game social with the men's soccer team, held an off-campus social with current coaches and athletic administrators, and presented a life skills seminar for student athletes.

Now, they're hoping for some one-on-one time with the athletes. Club

president Angela Gillisse '02 is writing a formal mentoring plan that will pair interested athletes with an alumni letter winner as an advisor.

"We've been through the challenges of living as college student athletes at UT and trying to build a career," said Steve Clamp '96. "We share our experiences and, so far, the feedback from

current student-athletes has been very appreciative. We're all Spartans."

At the same time, club members are still raising funds for the athletic program. They are asked to contribute a minimum donation of \$100 annually, which goes to the Sword & Shield Athletic Scholarship fund and may also be directed by the membership toward special projects to assist Spartan teams.

"Ultimately, we'd like to significantly increase scholarship dollars for the athletic program," stated Mike Heald '96, who is serving as a vice president. "We'd also like to assist in special projects, like upgrading a locker room."

While the club's goals are lofty, it also serves as a social gathering for alumni. Announcements for all activities are publicized through the 300 Spartans Facebook page and by direct emails to members. The board meets monthly at the Bob Martinez Athletics Center, and any member is invited to attend and participate.

As of Nov. 10, there were 41 paid members representing 10 sports including football and 188 registered Facebook friends on the 300 Spartans page. "Our goal, to borrow from the popular movie title, is to get our paid membership up to 300 Spartans," said Gil Swalls, associate athletic director and staff liaison to the organization's board. "To get 300 enrolled would be a major support asset for UT athletics."

300 Spartans membership is exclusive to UT letter winners. For more information, contact Swalls at [gswalls@ut.edu](mailto:gswalls@ut.edu).

**Show your Spartan Spirit.** The next time you register your car, purchase a UT license plate for an additional \$27. For each license plate sold, \$25 goes toward funding scholarships and University improvements. To learn more about the UT license plate, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (813) 253-6209, or email [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu).





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includes 66 players representing 12 states and two countries. The majority of the team hails from the state of New York — 31 players in all. Nine are from Maryland, five are from Florida and two are Canadian.

"After fall practices, this team has really come together, and we will look for further development as this group evolves as a team," said Whipple.

Wayne Magee, a junior from Mastic Beach, NY, said he is excited and honored to be a part of the first men's lacrosse team in UT history. "I'm looking forward to the start of the regular season," said Magee. "This is a very hard-working team, and I feel we will be extremely competitive. We hope to do our part in adding to the rich history that has already been established by athletic programs at UT."

Go to [www.tampaspantans.com](http://www.tampaspantans.com) for complete information on the men's lacrosse team, including the 2012 schedule. Tickets will be available at the gate. Admission is free to home games with a valid UT identification.

## LACROSSE 101

### Basics

- 10 players on the field per team.
- Four, 15-minute quarters with a 10-minute halftime.
- The field is 110 yards long by 60 yards wide.

### Positions

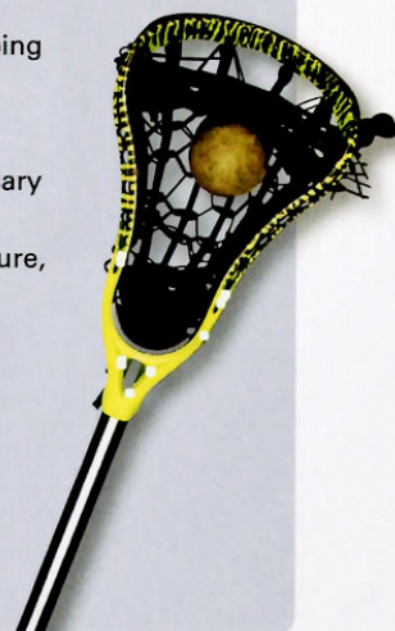
- Attack (3): responsible for scoring goals and setting teammates up to score.
- Midfield (3): responsible for covering the whole field, playing both offense and defense.
- Defense (3): responsible for defending the goal area.
- Goal (1): responsible for protecting the goal and stopping the opposing team from scoring.

### Penalties

- Personal foul penalties, such as tripping and unnecessary roughness, are punished by time outs.
- Technical foul penalties, like off-sides or illegal procedure, are punished by a change of possession.

### Areas of the Field

- "X" refers to the area right behind the goal crease.
- "The Box" is either the restraining box or the substitution area.
- "The Crease" is the 9-foot radius around the goal.
- "The Hole" is a defensive term for the zone in front of the goal.



## EQUESTRIAN CLUB GETS COMPETITIVE

ON OCT. 15, THE UT EQUESTRIAN Club's new competitive team participated in their first competition at the Intercollegiate Horseshow Association's Hunt Seat Horseshow hosted by Florida State University.

There were 230 participants from 14 colleges including the University of Florida and Mercer College. Each of UT's seven competitors took home a ribbon: one first place, two third places, one fourth, one fifth and two sixth place ribbons.

"We couldn't have asked for a better first show," said Kendra New '13, president of the Equestrian Club.



Allie Heinrichs '15 goes for a practice ride at Far Reach Farm in Lutz, FL.



Civility on campus is about more  
than having good manners.

# A TIP OF THE HAT

FOR P.M. FORNI, "CIVILITY" IS ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN SIMPLY PRACTICING THE Golden Rule. "To me, civility is not just about doing unto others as you would have done unto you," said the Johns Hopkins University professor, a national expert on civility and how it plays a part in everyday life. "It's about treating others as *they* would like to be treated."

Spreading the word on the value of this approach — being considerate, using listening skills, valuing the differences in people you interact with — is a key component of the Fall 2011 Deans' Initiative on Civility at UT, which brought Forni to campus in early October to talk about civility and what it means.

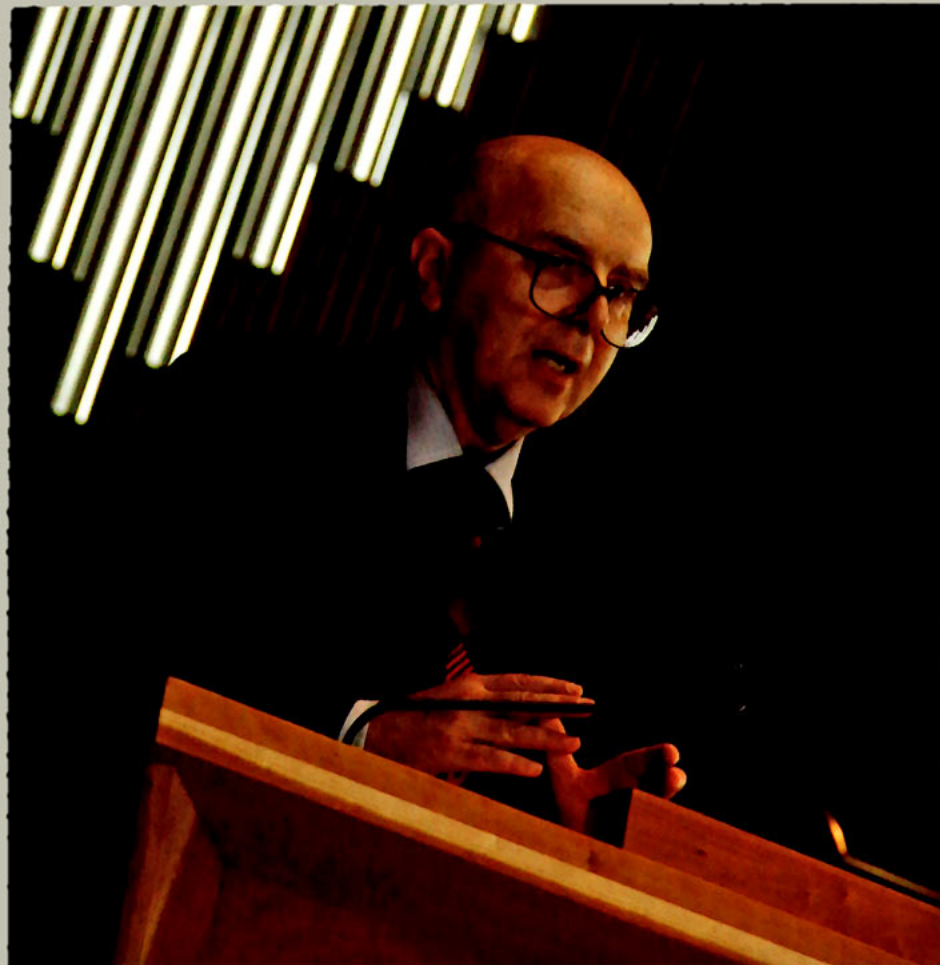
The project was the brainchild of UT's deans, who got together and talked about how this is an excellent time for such an initiative. Their long-term goal is to figure out ways to integrate the study and practice of civility into everyday life at the University.

BY KYLE PARKS MBA '08 PHOTOGRAPH BY HOLLY LINDEM









## CHOOSING CIVILITY:

"When a system of management based on authority breaks down, one based on communication must take its place. We are precisely at such a juncture in history."

"What matters here, however, is that in a world where the business of leading and managing has become an exercise in inclusion, persuasion, recognition and an overall attention to the worker as a person, we need new leaders and we need them strong in communication skills."

"Consider some of the things that have happened at universities around the country in recent years, and you can see why this topic is timely and important," said Haig Mardirosian, dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

At Yale University, pledges of a prestigious fraternity were told by chapter leaders to march through campus chanting sexist obscenities. At George

project at Johns Hopkins. Forni's work involves speaking at schools around the country and, in some cases, working with colleges to include the study of civility in their campus activities and curriculums.

For Sasha Kershbaum '12, a criminology major who was among the 100 or so people in attendance at Forni's address at the Sykes Chapel and

that's in your office refrigerator," he said with a chuckle.

But it also takes on more layers of complexity. "I am often asked, 'do nice guys finish last?'" Forni said. "My answer is this: 'No, not if they are also smart.'"

For managers in the corporate world, civility means embracing inclusive management techniques. The

**"A TOOL IS ONLY AS GOOD AS HOW WELL YOU USE IT. I THINK DR. FORNI COMING HERE IS A GOOD START, AND HOPEFULLY IT CAN HELP US INTERNALIZE HIS MESSAGE."** — SASHA KERSHBAUM '12, UT STUDENT

Mason University, a disagreement over a library study spot led to one student accusing the other, a Somali, of a crime after allegedly telling him she didn't like foreigners. And at UCLA, a student posted a widely viewed racist video rant about Asians using cell phones on the same day Japan was hit by a devastating earthquake.

These episodes, combined with the suicide of a Rutgers University student who was filmed without his knowledge in his dorm room, and shootings at the University of Alabama-Huntsville by a professor denied tenure, have led more campus leaders to pay attention to Forni and the ongoing civility

Center for Faith and Values, listening to talk about civility is one thing, but putting it into action is the key.

"A tool is only as good as how well you use it," she said. "I think Dr. Forni coming here is a good start, and hopefully it can help us internalize his message. This is definitely a good first step."

### UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF "CIVILITY"

So what is civility? On a basic level, it can be as simple as being nice, Forni said in one of his three talks at UT, which were open to both faculty and students. "It could be that you don't take a slice of someone else's pizza

leader manages aggressively but with compassion and understanding by providing constructive feedback, avoiding the temptation to belittle workers, refraining from gossip and keeping objectivity during conflict.

"Practice listening without interrupting," Forni said. "If you are only thinking about what you're going to say next, that isn't listening. It's reloading."

Forni, who teaches medieval Italian literature, joked that he started studying civility as part of a "middle life crisis for a Middle Ages professor." He described how his experience reflects the fact that for many people, the first-



# EXCERPTS FROM P.M. FORNI

"Outstanding leaders are authoritative but not authoritarian, tactful but not manipulative, temperate but resolute. As providers of validation, they not only encourage and praise their workers, but also articulate for them why the work they do matters. Always secure and never overwhelmed, they make leadership appear effortless, projecting an aura of power in repose. In this respect, they remind us of 'sprezzatura,' the deportment touched by effortlessness and grace made famous by the Italian Renaissance thinker Baldesar Castiglione."

"Of the 1.8 million acts of physical violence perpetrated annually in the American workplace, a substantial amount has its origin in acts of incivility that escalate and make people lose control. By keeping the levels of civility up, the good leader helps keep the levels of physical violence down."

part of their lives is spent in pursuing beauty, while in the second half of their lives, their interest turns to goodness.

"I realized that I wanted to help my students learn skills they could use after they left our campus," said Forni. He started The Civility Initiative at Johns Hopkins in 1997, and has taught courses on the topic for years at the university.

In studying the issue, he found a number of sobering statistics: More than two-thirds of Americans see civility as a major problem, he said. More than 80 percent of Americans say they have been victims of incivility. And U.S. workers say the No. 1 source of their stress is the people they work with.

"There is definitely a cost related to bad behavior," Forni said. "The cost of stress in the U.S. is estimated at \$300 million a year, and that shouldn't be surprising when you think about such things as lost days of work, the cost of hiring replacement workers and legal costs."

Forni's work has led to three books: *Choosing Civility: The Twenty Five Rules of Considerate Conduct*, *The Civility Solution: What to Do When People Are Rude* and his newest book, *The Thinking Life: How to Thrive in the Age of Distraction*.

*Choosing Civility* has sold more than 100,000 copies. Among his 25 rules for practicing civility: "Refrain from idle

complaints." "Accept and give praise." "Don't shift responsibility and blame." And, "think twice before asking favors." Forni's work has been featured in such national news media outlets as *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *ABC World News Tonight* and the *London Times*.

In addition to working with such entities as the city of Los Angeles, which launched a civility project in 2009, Forni has worked with a number of colleges and universities to incorporate the topic into classes and campus life.

For example, at Grand Rapids Community College in Michigan, civility is studied from a number of perspectives, in fields such as physics, history and English, he said. At Rutgers, campus leaders have invited students to "fire-

side chats" about the topic of promoting civility on campus, along with hosting panel discussions. Initiatives are also underway at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, GA.

## FORNI'S NEWEST FOCUS: STOP AND THINK

With the proliferation of social media and never-ending emails, combined with the crushing workloads in this era of leaner workforces, Forni is now combining his messages about civility with discussions of how people need to take the time to think.

"A key characteristic of effective leaders is that they need to be thinkers," he said. "But if you ask leaders if they have time to think, they will say

## THE FOUR CORNERSTONES

- Life is a relational experience.
- The quality of our lives depends upon the quality of our relationships.
- The quality of our relationships depends upon the quality of our relational skills.
- Civility and good manners are effective, time-proven codes of relational skills.





Students, faculty and staff came out Oct. 6 for a workshop led by P.M. Forni (second from left), author of *Choosing Civility* and director of the Civility Initiative at Johns Hopkins University. Part of the Fall 2011 Deans' Initiative on Civility, the event got campus stakeholders talking about civility on campus.

that it should be important, but that they just don't have time to think. ... We should find time for reflection and introspection. We are constantly allured by the trivial, and we need to ignore that."

Consider that the average time someone spends on a website is only 30 to 40 seconds, Forni said. And for

such as at airports, to think. And find a partner to share conversations and notes with about topics that matter.

"If we agree that life is important, then thinking as we go through it is the basic tribute we owe it," Forni writes in the introduction to *The Thinking Life* on The Civility Initiative website. "It also happens to be the golden way

Spartan Code — our honor code. And being more intentional in how we live the Code builds on things we already do, like helping our residence halls' resident advisors learn about constructive ways to resolve conflicts as part of their training."

This initiative comes at a good time, said Holz. "People are stressed;

**"CIVILITY IS AT THE CORE OF OUR SPARTAN CODE — OUR HONOR CODE. AND BEING MORE INTENTIONAL IN HOW WE LIVE THE CODE BUILDS ON THINGS WE ALREADY DO..."** — STEPHANIE RUSSELL HOLZ, DEAN OF STUDENTS

students — or for anyone who wants to get ahead — the key is to move past simply being someone who collects information. Successful people also know how to process it.

"Most students at colleges today are great retrievers of information," he said. "But those who will be most successful are those who can also retain that information and use it."

Here are the kinds of tips he shares in his new book: Find ways to have more silence in your life, which gives you the chance to think. Limit your time using digital media. Keep a journal to help you think about things beyond the challenges of day-to-day living. Use time when you are waiting,

to the good life — the kind of life in which happiness blooms."

#### WORKING CIVILITY INTO EVERYDAY CAMPUS LIFE

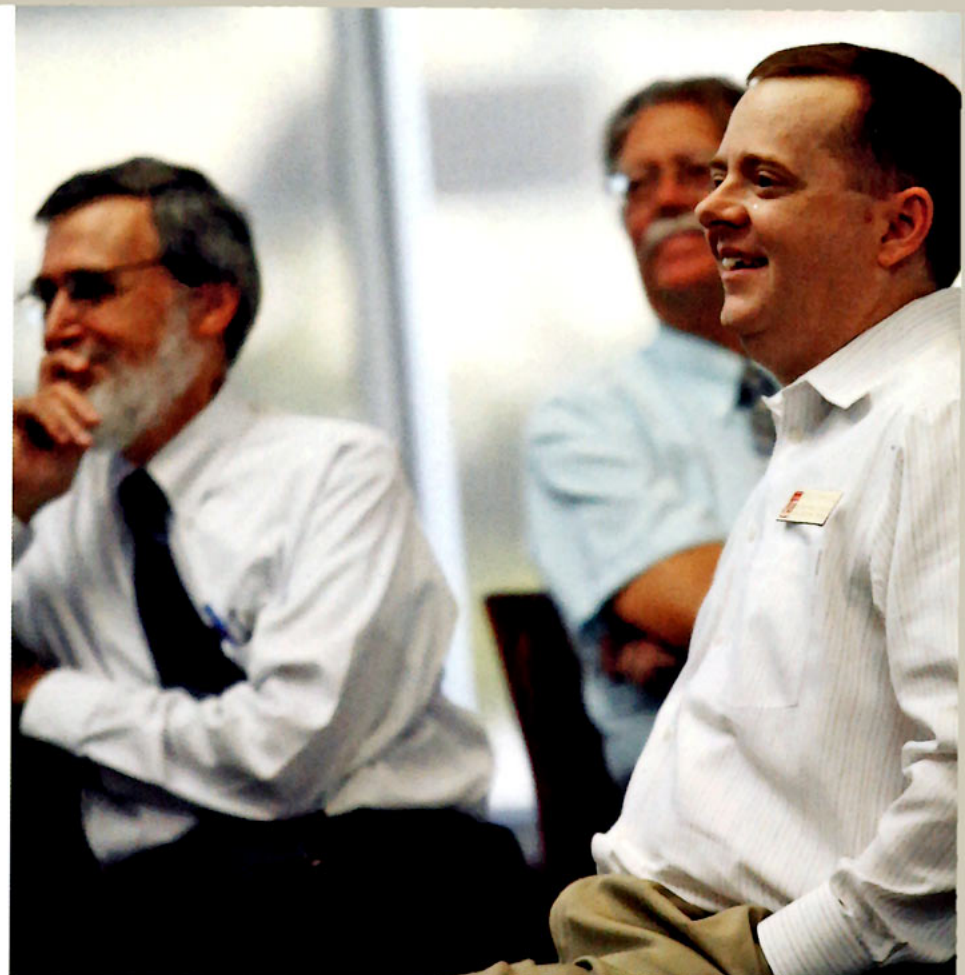
Forni's appearances at UT were the first steps in the University's own civility project, which will pursue ways to promote the discussion of civility in its everyday activities. Possibilities range from book clubs and discussion groups to leadership events and the inclusion of topics related to civility in UT's curriculum.

"This ties very well into how we strive to live at the University," said Stephanie Russell Holz, dean of students. "Civility is at the core of our

there's no time to slow down," she said. "As Dr. Forni says, it's hard for people to even stop and think about anything, much less to think about civility. So it's important to create ways to help people focus on it."

The UT initiative involves all the school's academic deans, and that bodes well for its chances of making an impact. "You have a powerful team behind this at this University," said Forni, sitting in the Sykes Chapel after his presentation. "Their involvement sends a clear message that the University is serious about this topic. And the more you can involve students with events like this, the better it is." **UT**





## THE SPARTAN CODE

The University of Tampa's honor code, called the Spartan Code, is given to first-year students at convocation and is prominently displayed on the University's website. Part of the goal of UT's Dean's Initiative on Civility is to help make the code, and the thinking it represents, a part of everyday life and conversations on campus. The code:

The community at The University of Tampa strives to support the development of each student as a productive and responsible citizen who embraces the values of honesty, good citizenship, trust, respect and responsibility.

As a member of The University of Tampa Spartan community, I agree and pledge that I will...

- promote and practice academic and personal honesty.
- commit to actions that benefit the community, as well as engage in activities that better others.
- discourage intolerance and acknowledge that diversity in our community shapes our learning and development.
- conduct myself in a manner that makes me worthy of the trust of others.
- recognize the ideas and contributions of all persons, allowing for an environment of sharing and learning.
- accept full responsibility and be held accountable for all of my decisions and actions.



BY JAMIE PILARCZYK  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB THOMPSON

# Paid to PLAY

## Interactive Education for UT's Soon-to-Be Teachers

CRAIG ROHRBACKER '12 SAYS THAT THE DYNAMIC interactions with children he has as a “playologist” at the Glazer Children’s Museum will make him a better father one day.

The music education major spends a couple days a week at the museum, reading books to children about different cultures, leading drum circles and assisting with art projects.

“I have so much fun when I go there,” said Rohrbacker about the museum, located directly across the river from UT. “It’s fun-educational activities. We show them games where they’re actually learning. I have a blast with it.”

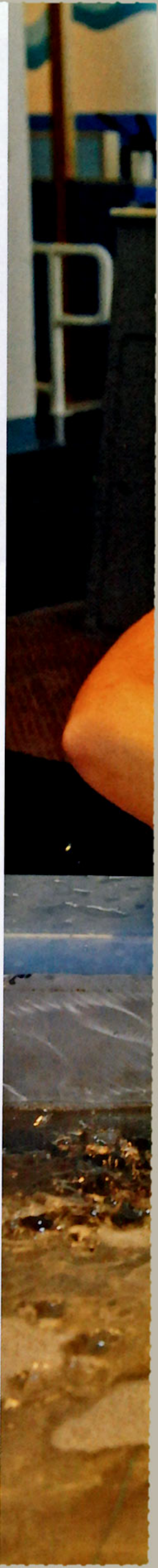
He’s also learning how to be a better teacher.

While traditional classroom internships are required of education majors, the opportunity

to work or volunteer at the children’s museum stretches their skills further. Patty O’Grady, assistant professor of education, said the faculty in her department work hard to provide valuable, field-based opportunities for their students.

“The reason this is so important is it not only allows the students to understand the theory and knowledge, it allows them to come and develop and practice those skills in a real world setting,” said O’Grady.

Opened in September 2010, the Glazer Children’s Museum includes a kitchen with international play foods and a supermarket for pretend purchases. There is a wind tunnel for testing paper airplanes. Six reading libraries, a stage for theater productions, a Port of Tampa mockup and







Tara D. Staley '15, an athletic training major, makes a splash with one of the Glazer Museum's young patrons.





art lab all focus on children birth to 10.

Hillary Bostick '13, an elementary education major, spent a recent Sunday volunteering at the museum. She signed up to read to the children and brought along a book, *Alice the Fairy* by David Shannon, an author she enjoys. As part of the education curriculum, Bostick also interns every Friday at Rampello Downtown Partnership School in a traditional classroom.

"It gives me a broad experience for working with children," she said. "I love working with kids. They teach you so much more than you could possibly learn just in a classroom."

One of Bostick's professor's, Tammy Schimmel, an assistant professor of education, concurs with Bostick's assessment.

"Volunteering at the Glazer Children's Museum allows pre-service teachers to 'practice' the effective strategies they learn in their courses. The hands-on experiences positively impact their learning," Schimmel said. "The museum environment lends itself to creative instruction as opposed to the classroom setting which is more structured."

O'Grady and Professor Hunter O'Hara have been involved on the museum's education committee from the start. O'Grady's background in exceptional student education made her



a perfect fit for the museum's disability taskforce and special projects subcommittee, planning summer camps, parents' night out and impromptu exhibits.

This summer O'Grady helped coordinate Sunshine Sundays, a monthly event where the museum opens up to children with disabilities for a morning of play with reduced noise and lighting.

It was at one of these Sunshine Sundays that Maggie Olley '12, an elementary education major and playologist, was running through the lobby with a handful of balloons. Dressed in a safari vest and a smile from ear to ear, Olley greeted children as they, equally ex-

(Clockwise from left): Diana Nelson '15, an education major, shows a little boy how to work the crane. Psychology major Ryan Lipka '15 interacts with a young girl. Hilary Bostick '13 (left) and Olivia Braunworth '13 (right), both education majors, give a museum visitor a lift. Emily Anderson '15 gives directions to a little girl.

cited, entered the four-story museum.

"It's never the same experience twice," said Olley. After hearing about the museum from O'Grady and a sorority sister and later visiting, she had no doubts about her future employment.

"I just felt I needed to be here," said Olley, who has been a playologist for more than a year. "It's about getting down on their level and trying to relate to the children. It's OK to be silly."

She has been able to take her classroom internship and integrate it with her work as a playologist. She uses classroom management skills to keep control of her groups and sometimes offers advice to non-education majors who volunteer at the museum. Observation — both good and bad — of teachers who bring their children on field trips provides for good research on how to facilitate field trips with kids.

"They go hand in hand. Sometimes I'll be at the museum and find some-

To watch video of UT education students Maggie Olley '12 and Craig Rohrbacker '12 at work as "playologists" at the Glazer Children's Museum, go to [www.ut.edu/playologists](http://www.ut.edu/playologists).





thing I could use in my classroom," she said, and vice versa. "It gives me ideas for going beyond doing another worksheet and gets our hands dirty."

Since working at the museum, Olley has confirmed her passion for special education and plans to get a master's degree once she graduates.

"Being here so much reminds me that this is what I want to do with my life and confirms that I made the right career choice," said Olley.

O'Grady said she is working with

the museum on a pilot project this fall semester with Hillsborough County School District's Title 1 (large, low-income student population) and high-need Renaissance schools. The museum trains UT students to co-teach field trips at the museum with teachers from these targeted schools.

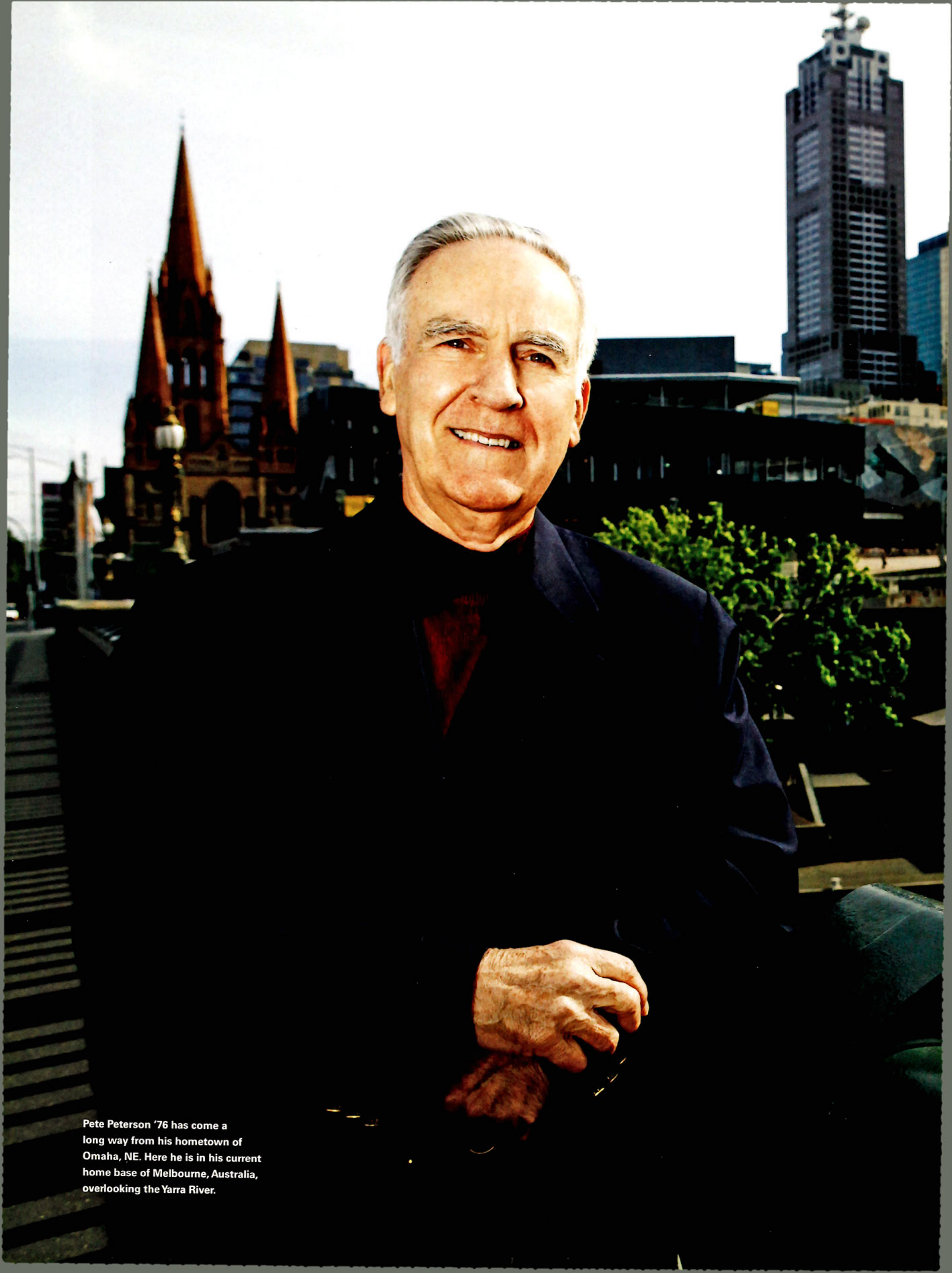
"The goal is to have one-on-one interaction between our students and the professional teachers. They'll be doing follow-up after the field trips to make sure there is an application of

the information gleaned from the exhibits during the trip," said O'Grady. "It will be a more structured academic activity for our students."

And just one more way that UT education majors are getting the most out of their academic environment.

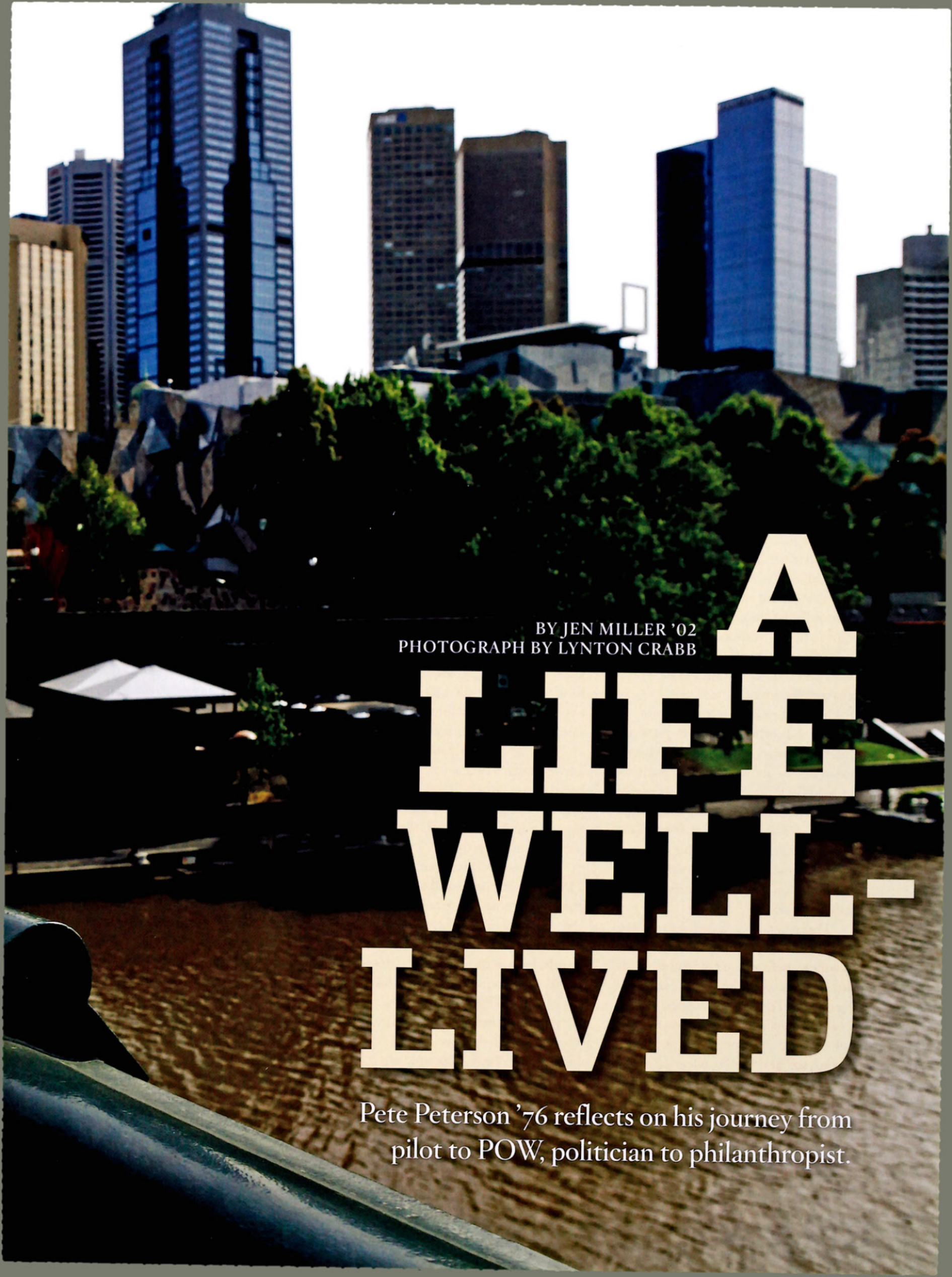
"They're learning in a place that gives them the sort of resources in this digital generation that they don't have in a static, stagnant classroom," said O'Grady. "This is living learning in the best sense of the word." **UT**





Pete Peterson '76 has come a long way from his hometown of Omaha, NE. Here he is in his current home base of Melbourne, Australia, overlooking the Yarra River.





BY JEN MILLER '02  
PHOTOGRAPH BY LYNTON CRABB

# A LIFE WELL- LIVED

Pete Peterson '76 reflects on his journey from  
pilot to POW, politician to philanthropist.



## "I THINK THE MOST COMFORTABLE LIFE IS ONE WHERE YOU'RE ENGAGED AND DOING SOMETHING." — PETE PETERSON '76

**P**ETE PETERSON NEVER wants to retire. "Life's too interesting to retire," says Peterson '76 from his home in Australia, where he lives with his wife. Both are dual citizens of Australia and the United States.

Peterson, 76, has an easy going manner and chuckles often, the kind of conversationalist you'd expect from a guy who grew up in the Midwest. He's a humble man, too, talking about his life as if it were the course everyone takes — 26-year career as an Air Force Pilot; Vietnam POW; recipient of the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Presidential Citizen Medal; Florida Congressman; first U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam since the war; senior director to Madeline Albright's strategic consulting firm; and, with his wife, co-founder of a consulting agency that helps American companies in Vietnam and an international organization that prevents childhood injury in developing Asian countries.

His life now is a long way from Omaha, NE, where Peterson grew up watching planes. His childhood home was under a commercial flight path and, during World War II, a bomber plant and aviation hub was set up in Omaha.

He was a sophomore at Iowa Wesleyan College, working two to three jobs at a time to pay his way through school, when the opportunity to fly presented itself.

"There had been a restriction that you had to have at least two full years of college before you could enter into the aviation cadet program," says Peterson. "Then they dropped that to where you only had to have one. I said 'hey I think I better go do this. I'll come back and finish college later.'"

He was accepted into the program and, in 1956, moved to Marianna, FL, for pilot training. He met and married his first wife while in school, and made Florida his home.

In September 1966, three months after he started serving in Vietnam,

Peterson's F4 Phantom was shot down, and he was held as a prisoner of war for more than six years. It was a harrowing and life-changing experience and has played a major part in Peterson's efforts to repair U.S.-Vietnam relations.

After he was released from captivity, Peterson took a sabbatical from the Air Force to finish his college degree, which brought him to The University of Tampa.

"I was a college dropout, but I had been going to school virtually all of my life. I finished up in Tampa, which turned out to be a great experience," he says, adding that he and his current wife come back to Tampa and visit UT about once a year.

Peterson earned his doctorate from Central Michigan University, then returned to Florida to teach at Florida State University.

At FSU, he became director of the Specialized Treatment Program, which trains psychology graduate students on how to treat juvenile offenders. This experience unintentionally led to Peterson's political career.

"I was very deeply involved in this, and we were doing some incredibly constructive work," he says. "Then one day the governor of Florida woke up and decided to pull all the funding away from this program."

Peterson assumed that other Florida politicians would never stand for the governor's actions. When they didn't do anything, Peterson decided to do it himself. "I mobilized all the psychologists and nurses and doctors I could to support keeping funding," he says. The funding was restored.

Peterson thought he could go further. "From that experience, I thought, hey, if these kinds of people are making these kinds of decisions, I can certainly do a better job than that," he says. So, in 1990 he ran for United States Congress, and served Florida's second district from 1991 to 1997.

Peterson's first wife passed away in 1995, which led him to make a change.



(Above) Peterson and wife Vi Le founded the Alliance for Safe Children in 2002, which organizes events like the drowning prevention program in DaNang, Vietnam pictured here. (Right) Peterson became an Australian citizen in September 2009.

"I could have been re-elected, and probably could have stayed there for many years if not the rest of my life," he says. "But I woke up one morning and realized I didn't want to be in Congress anymore because it's really quite limiting if you have any other objectives or goals or things you want to achieve."

Almost as soon as he announced he would not seek re-election, Peterson was told by officials in the White House that President Clinton was planning to re-open diplomatic relations with Vietnam for the first time since the war, and that Peterson would be an ideal candidate for Ambassador.

"I laughed it off," says Peterson, even though he had been traveling to and from Vietnam while a congressman to figure out how to "make a friend out of a former foe."

But the idea of him becoming Ambassador didn't go away. He wasn't sure it was something he wanted to do until one night while in the White House he was cornered by the National Security Council, who convinced him that he was the only man for the job.

"The rest is history," says Peterson.





He served as Ambassador for four and a half years and says that the most important thing he did while Ambassador was “instill confidence and establish the relationship — or re-establish it.” His POW experience helped him because he and the Vietnamese had seen each other at their worst. Peterson was successful in renewing trade relations and negotiating a bi-lateral trade agreement that “essentially opened up Vietnam and vice versa.”

Those negotiations also lead Vietnam toward membership in the World Trade Organization in 2007, of which they are still members today.

In 2000, Peterson was awarded the Presidential Citizen Medal from President Clinton for his work in Vietnam.

Two weeks after arriving in Vietnam, Peterson attended a dinner reception at the Israeli ambassador’s house and met Vi Le, a senior trade commissioner for Australia.

“We’ve been virtually inseparable ever since,” he says.

The couple married and, in 1999, moved to Melbourne, Australia, to be closer to her family. The couple returned to the U.S. briefly when Pe-

terson decided to run for governor of Florida in 2001.

It was a short-lived bid. The couple had been at an event in Boston on Sept. 10, 2001. After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, they couldn’t fly home, so they drove.

“On the way back, we decided there’s just no way partisan politics is going to be played out in Florida — or anywhere else — for a while,” he says. When they returned to Tallahassee, he withdrew from the race.

In 2002, they founded the two organizations that take up the bulk of their time today: Peterson International, which is a consulting firm that helps American companies who want to do business in Southwest Asia, and the Alliance for Safe Children, which works to prevent childhood accidents.

“The foundation was designed to protect children across the board,” he says. The foundation’s programs are used in Vietnam and also China, Bangladesh, Thailand, Cambodia, Southern Indonesia and the Philippines. They focus on preventing accidents that are typical to these areas.

“Drowning is the biggest killer of

children in undeveloped countries,” says Peterson, adding that traffic and household accidents are also problems due to a lack of safety precautions.

“We had discovered that children were dying unnecessarily because there was no system in place to protect them from accidents,” says Peterson. “We’ve been successful in running injury prevention programs and protecting children.”

In 2009, Peterson was granted dual citizenship in the U.S. and Australia, a status that his Australian-born wife shares. They’ve decided to stay in Melbourne because of the proximity to Vi’s family, but also because it’s much easier to fly to and from Vietnam from Australia than from the United States.

Peterson plans to keep working for as long as he can. “I’m interested in what’s going on in the world, and what tweaks I can put into the system to make it better,” he says. “I think the most comfortable life is one where you’re engaged and doing something. Going out and playing golf and watching the sun come up don’t excite me too much.”

No wonder. **UT**







# alumni report



SOGA president Hoyt Prindle MBA '10 (left) with Sarah Carlson M.S. '07 and David Ver Eecke M.S. '12 at the organization's first event.

## Staying Connected

DID YOU KNOW WE NOW HAVE MORE than 30,000 UT alumni around the world? The number of alumni has increased dramatically as the University has grown over the last 10 years. To help this growing alumni base stay connected to the University, we offer a variety of opportunities for involvement.

We are looking for alumni and parent volunteers to play a key role in the continued success of UT through our recently created Alumni and Parent Volunteer Network. This network of volunteers will help UT in two areas — career services and admissions — where they can make an immediate and important impact.

As a member of the volunteer network, you will be listed as a potential mentor for a current UT student. Mentors provide information on their company and industry, give advice and tips, and offer job shadowing opportunities.

"Alumni and parent volunteers play a vital role in a student's career development and success," said Mark Colvenbach, director of career services. "Through the sharing of experiences and industry expertise as well as employment and internship leads, students will benefit greatly and be much better prepared for the world beyond The University of Tampa."

The volunteer network will also play a key role in admissions. Volunteers will have the opportunity to help recruit high-achieving, diverse, well-rounded students to UT by attending college fairs, interviewing potential students and attending admitted student receptions.

"I love speaking with parents and students at this exciting time in their lives and helping them with the transition to college," said Elvira Pinto, whose son is a 2006 UT graduate.

The University will award volun-

teers points based on involvement.

To join the Alumni and Parent Volunteer Network please go to [www.ut.edu/utvolunteernetwork](http://www.ut.edu/utvolunteernetwork) or contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu).

Another result of our growth is that we now have alumni in more places. We are always looking for volunteers to help start regional or affinity alumni groups and to assist with alumni events in your area.

One group recently created by alumni volunteers is the Sykes Organization of Graduate Alumni (SOGA). This new alumni chapter for graduates of UT's M.S. and MBA business programs has been very well received in its early stages.

"The reception from graduate alumni of the Sykes College of Business has been exceptional," said Hoyt Prindle MBA '10, interim SOGA president, adding that at the very first event there were more than 100 attendees who came to network and socialize with other Sykes graduate alumni. "Our graduates understand what a unique and special place UT is, so we only expect these numbers to grow as the organization starts to do more events."

The group's goal is to keep M.S. and MBA alumni connected to UT and one another through networking, social and educational events, which can be a great asset to them as they progress through their career. To get involved with the new chapter, email the College of Business at [mba@ut.edu](mailto:mba@ut.edu).

If you are interested in starting an alumni chapter please contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu).



*Do you have news to share? Contact Jay Hardwick, Alumni Director [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu) (813) 253-6209*



## EDITOR'S NOTE

We received several calls about item No. 69 in the "Did You Know?" story in our last issue. The item says, "There are at least five local public schools named after UT alumni: Alonso High School, Greco Middle School, Martinez Middle School, Symmes Elementary and Cannella Elementary." Readers called to let us know that Ippolito Elementary in Riverview is named after UT alumna Grace Ippolito '69, Rampello Downtown Partnership School in Tampa is named after Sam Rampello '63, and Spoto High School in Riverview is named after Richard Spoto '39. If there are others, please let us know.

Another reader took issue with Item No. 75, which stated "When President Barack Obama visited UT in January 2010, it was the first time that a sitting president made an official visit to the UT campus." The alumna vividly recalled attending a dinner in Fletcher Lounge with President Gerald Ford in the 1970s. According to campus records, the dinner would have been held in March of 1974, when Ford was vice president. Ford took the office of president in August of that year.

Lastly, we didn't mention that it was Evan Fetter '96 who launched the Howell Hall Facebook page described on page 21 in the last issue.

## class acts

**73** Charles C. "Chuck" Carnevale is the founder and chief investment officer of F.A.S.T. Graphs, a charting tool for graphing business fundamentals. In September he wrote an article for [www.safehaven.com](http://www.safehaven.com) titled "8 Strong Growth Stocks Significantly Under-valued by Mr. Market."

**74** Gary Ruby was featured in an article in *The Daily Item* (Sunbury, PA). He is the pitching coach for the Tri-City Valley Cats, a short-season Class A affiliate of the Houston Astros.

**80** John Mallory, a computer forensics expert, was featured in an article in *The Olathe News* and *Kansas City Star* in September. John, an expert in juggling, has — with his family — performed at the annual Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs, KS, for more than 20 years. According to the article, "besides throwing knives, he does a juggling act that includes balls of various sizes — one a 10-pound iron ball — and machetes." He lives with his family in Overland Park, KS.

**86** Dianne (Crigger) Hughes was elected Employee of the Year for 2010-2011 in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Southeast District Office in West Palm Beach.



### Football with Friends

Bob '00 and Jamie (Ferenbach) Kahns '04 enjoyed Monday Night Football on Oct. 3 with an alumni tailgate before heading over as a group to Raymond James Stadium to watch the Tampa Bay Buccaneers take on the Indianapolis Colts. The event, hosted by the Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter, provided local alumni with the opportunity to get to know each other and learn more about the chapter.

**90** James Beckman was named as the inaugural department chair of the newly founded Department of Legal Studies at the University of Central Florida. The legal studies program is one of the largest of its kind in the United States. Beckman spent the last 11 years as a faculty member at UT before leaving for UCF in May.  
Email: [James.Beckman@ucf.edu](mailto:James.Beckman@ucf.edu)

**91** Donna Long was promoted to full professor at Fairmont State University and is the

editor-in-chief of *Kestrel: A Journal of Literature and Art*, which has been published by Fairmont State since 1993.  
Email: [dlong@fairmontstate.edu](mailto:dlong@fairmontstate.edu)

**92** Alicia (White) Walker was accepted and fully funded for a doctoral program in sociology at the University of Kentucky. She is currently working at the university as a graduate teaching assistant.  
Email: [alicia.walker@uky.edu](mailto:alicia.walker@uky.edu)

**93** Cathy Bellatin was elected president of the UT National Alumni Association (NAA) Board of Directors, the governing body of the alumni association. Bellatin has served on the NAA board since 2006.

Penny Hulbert MBA was among the finalists in the financial

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services category for the *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* 2011 Business Woman of the Year.

**Fred Rhoderick and Robert Keller '94** just returned from their 62 mile hike in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness on the border of Montana and Idaho. See story, page 38. Email: rkeller@atlanticcoastconservancy.org

**94** **David Winner** has been hired as a regional representative for the Texas/Mid-South region of the United Soccer Leagues (USL). In this role, Winner will collaborate with local and regional soccer organizations and businesses to support, promote and grow the USL pyramid of development at all levels through grassroots efforts.

**99** **Jason Mendelson** was recently featured in an article in the *Washington Post*. He works by day as a tax analyst at AOL, and is writing a song to capture the essence of every station in Washington's Metrorail system — 86 tunes in all. Email: jdogric12@gmail.com

**00** **Karen (Bresocnik) Penkoski** and her husband Michael had a son, Hunter



Michael, Hunter and Karen Penkoski '00



#### spartan spotlight

## Kurt Grissom '85

### *Hitting the Trail*

When you hike the entire Appalachian Trail (2,174 miles), carrying all your belongings on your back for five and a half months, like Kurt Grissom '85 did in 2003, you realize how little you actually need to be happy.

When Grissom got home, he became a minimalist, getting rid of material things he hadn't used in 10 years. Why have five pairs of sneakers when you only wear two?

Grissom plays percussion for the Florida Orchestra and teaches music at Eckerd College. When the Florida Orchestra season ends every year, he is faced with up to four months off. This allows him to take trips like the one he took last summer, rafting on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon with his wife and her sister's family. They covered 215 miles in 16 days, with no guide.

"It's more interesting and important to live my life now rather than wait until I'm retired," he said. "By then you have aches and pains, and

you're not as willing and adventurous as when you were younger."

When he hiked the Appalachian Trail, from Georgia to Maine, he had no experience in the outdoors other than car-camping.

"It was a life-changing experience. Besides my daughters being born it was probably the most incredible thing that ever happened to me," he said. "When you're long distance backpacking, you have a simple existence. Over time, everything that society has laid on you over your life melts away and you are left with the core of who you really are."

Grissom has been playing percussion since he was 10 and joined the Florida Orchestra before he graduated from UT.

"I'm happy with my life," he said. "I pretty much get to do what I want to do. I knew classical music wasn't a fast track to being wealthy, but I'd rather be happy than wealthy."





### Staying Connected

Graduates of the Sykes College of Business gathered for the first event of the college's new alumni chapter, the Sykes Organization of Graduate Alumni (SOGA). From left: Seyi Awobusuyi MBA '10, Herman Esteban Lopez MBA/M.S. '10, Maria Fernanda Ruiseco MBA '10, Lili-ana Janes MBA '10 and Ben Mills MBA '11.

Michael, born on Sept. 29, 2010.  
Email: kbteacher1@aol.com

The digital scrapbooking firm that **Katy Petersen** founded in 2008 has been acquired by Michaels Stores Inc.

**Natalie Sidor** was among the finalists in the Young Business-Woman category for the *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* 2011 Business Woman of the Year.

**01** *Correction: Lori (Bryskiewicz) King* and her husband Kevin welcomed their second child to the family. Julia Elisabeth joined older brother Nolan on Aug. 30, 2010. The family lives in Massachusetts.

**03** **Gregory Cooper** graduated from Officer Can-

didate School in Fort Benning, GA, as 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army Reserve and will complete the Signal Basic Officer Leader Course (SBOLC) at Fort Gordon, GA, in January 2012. He welcomed a son, Ari Gregory Cooper, to his family on Jan. 7, 2011.

**Phillip J. Harris** has joined the Sarasota office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP as an associate in the litigation department. Prior to joining Shumaker, Phillip focused his practice on professional liability, specifically legal malpractice and federal litigation. Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP is a full service law firm.

**Maj. Patrick Hofmann** was featured in the *The Pitt News*, the student newspaper of the University of Pittsburgh, as part of a story on students attending col-

lege through the GI Bill. Hofmann is a student at Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. He is working on a master's degree in public and international affairs, and majoring in security and intelligence studies. According to the article, Hofmann has worked in Belgium, South Korea, Washington, D.C., Kansas and on one deployment to Iraq. Once he graduates from Pitt, he'll go to an Army school in Kansas for more training before he continues work as an intelligence officer.

**Cory James Kauffman** and Tricia Richelle Riordan were married on July 16, 2011, in Kansas City, MO. Cory is a broker/salesman for Keller Williams Realty Inc.

**Andrew Saltman** spent the past nine months earning real estate and mortgage broker licenses in Sarasota, FL. He also celebrated his wedding anniversary and is expecting a new addition to his family in March 2012.

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**04** **Nicole Brinkman** became president of ARS in August 2011. ARS is a local nonprofit activity group for people with disabilities. She resides in New Ulm, MN.

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The engagement of **Carly Fabian** and **Michael Migliorino** was announced in August, with a Nov. 12 wedding date. Michael is an integrated marketing and communications manager for Checkers

Drive-In Restaurants Inc. in Tampa. Carly earned a master's degree and a doctor of optometry degree from The New England College of Optometry, Boston, and is an optometrist for Pearle Vision in Peabody, Mass.

**Jamie (Bustamante)**

**Tomalyanov** and her husband Nikolai are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, Sofia Nicole. Sofia was born on Jan. 29, 2011. Jamie and her family reside in Pennsylvania.

**05** **Amanda (Busch) Cooper** married Seth Cooper in June 2011 and also started at Colliers International as a valuation specialist. She and her husband reside in Kansas City, MO.

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**Taylor Kolligs** and his wife, **Ashley**, are the owners of the Swann Avenue Market and Café in Tampa's Hyde Park neighborhood, just south of UT's campus. The couple has owned the shop for a little over a year.

**Fernando Moncayo MBA** is currently holding the business development coordinator position for the National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA) in Irving, TX. He previously worked for Fluor in their treasury department in Texas and California.

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**06** **Lindsay Hoefer** moved to Borgvik, Sweden, in September 2011 and is marrying

**Arr You Ready?** The National Alumni Association will hold its annual Gasparilla festivities for alumni and friends on Friday, Jan. 27, and Saturday, Jan. 28. Events will include a pre-Gasparilla happy hour and Gasparilla Brunch. Go to [alumni.ut.edu](http://alumni.ut.edu) for all the details.





Peter Johansson in June 2012 in Sweden.

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**Fernanda Mariano** was named business development manager for Multimedia Inc., where she analyzes company ventures and pursues new business opportunities. Mariano joined Multimedia in 2008 as an administrative assistant, and worked in the Czech Republic before returning to the United States.

**Melissa Pavese** is the assistant director of marketing and business development of Gulf View Square Mall in Port Richey, FL. She was featured recently in an article about the mall in *Hernando Today*. According to the article, she previously worked in the marketing departments of Tyrone Square in St. Petersburg, Westfield Corp. and Panera Bread.

**Philip Pierre-Saint** was promoted to legal assistant at the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review Social Security Administration. He and his family reside in Riverview, FL.

**Ben White** returned from a six-month deployment with the 336 Fighter Squadron to Afghanistan. He completed Air Force ROTC at UT and now his younger brother Jonny is following his older brother's footsteps with the UT AFROTC and will graduate from UT in 2012. Email: benjaminswhite@yahoo.com

**Jamal Wilburg** is currently working as a Tampa Bay Rays columnist for *The Bleacher Report* and is writing all types of articles, from player profiles to game analysis. He is also on the "Sports Mob" radio show every Thursday on 1010AM from 6-8 p.m. You can read his articles at [www.bleacher-report.com](http://www.bleacher-report.com). He and his wife Ileana '06 reside in Tampa.

**Maggie (Barthel) Wimberly MSN '10** and her husband **Billy Wimberly '06** recently moved to



**Maggie MSN '10 and Billy Wimberly '06**

Plant City, FL. Maggie currently works as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in internal medicine/primary care in Lakeland and Billy is a firefighter paramedic in Plant City.

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**Ashley Wolf** married Alex Kalinski at Walt Disney World on Oct. 10, 2010. The two met while working on its 2005 College Program. They now reside in Atlanta, GA. Email: [ashkalinski@gmail.com](mailto:ashkalinski@gmail.com)

**07 Marie Compere** was recently promoted to real estate evaluator 1 at the Miami Dade County Office of the Property Appraiser.

Email: [mariegolcy@hotmail.com](mailto:mariegolcy@hotmail.com)

**Dawn Creter M.S.** is starting a new project at CitiGroup as an anti-money laundering senior project manager.

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**Erin McDermott** of Monroe, CT, has been named full-time director of the New Canaan YMCA Outback Teen Center. In August McDermott was featured in an article in the *New Canaan Advertiser*. She had previously served as the marketing and social media coordinator for the AmeriCorps program Public Allies, where she worked at the Southwestern Area Health Education Center Inc. as a "Bridgeport Ally."

**Joseph Pronesti** married **Laura Borsch '06 M.S. '07** in New Jersey



**Laura Borsch '06 M.S. '07 and Joseph Pronesti '07**

on Sept. 17, 2011. He is a licensed personal banker at JPMorgan Chase in Princeton, NJ, and she is a senior accountant at Lear & Pannepacker, LLP in Princeton, NJ. Email: [laura.borsch@gmail.com](mailto:laura.borsch@gmail.com)

**Steven Smith M.S.** is on assignment for three years to Japan, doing financial management for the U.S. Army. Email: [steveo.smith@gmail.com](mailto:steveo.smith@gmail.com)

**Matthew David Yates** is a sports reporter for the *Cayman Free Press* and *The Cayman Compass*. He was featured in an article on the website [www.hometownsevier.com](http://www.hometownsevier.com) in September.

**08 Philip Bowen MBA** is the sales training manager at PrepLogic LLC. PrepLogic was recently given one of the Fast 50 Awards by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* as one of the



## Flat Sparty's Ski Vacation

In the last issue of the *Journal*, Flat Sparty went continent hopping, visiting places in North America, Europe and New Zealand. He stayed closer to home for this issue, tagging along with Matthew Ross '06 on a spring skiing vacation to Banff, Alberta, Canada. Here he is on a very frozen Lake Louise in Banff National Park.

If you want to appear with Flat Sparty in the *Journal*, simply print page 23 of the Spring 2010 issue at [www.ut.edu/utjournal](http://www.ut.edu/utjournal) and cut him out. Email digital photos to [publicinfo@ut.edu](mailto:publicinfo@ut.edu).



spartan spotlight

## Amy Hamill MBA '10

### *A Fresh Idea*



Growing up in Palm Harbor, FL, Amy Hamill MBA '10 was accustomed to eating produce literally from her own back yard.

"My grandparents and parents were big into gardening," she said. "What they didn't grow themselves, they tried to buy from local farmers."

But it wasn't until the summer after earning her MBA at UT that Hamill came up with the idea to turn this family tradition into a business.

While on vacation with her family in Colorado, Hamill prepared a special birthday dinner for her sister. After driving all over town to collect the right ingredients, Hamill thought how nice it would have been for someone to have delivered what she needed right to her door — and Amy's Fresh Delivery was born.

Now Hamill spends her days shopping at local produce markets, repackaging the fresh fruits and vegetables into custom orders and delivering them to clients in three counties in the Tampa Bay region.

"We made our first delivery last August (2010), mostly to friends and family," said Hamill,

adding that she's relied on word of mouth to advertise her business.

Hamill recently collaborated with fellow UT alumnus Ben Schmid MBA '09 to create an interactive website for customers to place orders and pay for them online ([amysfresh.com](http://amysfresh.com)). Her sister Sarah, a 2007 UT graduate, keeps the company's blog, Facebook and Twitter accounts up to date. Hamill's brother in Colorado handles her bookkeeping and customer service.

As her business grows, Hamill is thinking of hiring another driver, but said she likes being involved in every transaction from start to finish. "I'm going to keep doing everything until I can't anymore," said Hamill. "This is what I started, and I like having my hands on everything."

Hamill has become a fixture at fundraisers for local nonprofits and has given charities coupons and baskets of produce for events. "For me, Amy's Fresh is not just a company," said Hamill. "I think of it like a family. We're bringing people together who want to live a healthy lifestyle and support their local community."

50 fastest growing companies in the Tampa Bay area.

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**Helen Doolittle** is currently working as an ICU nurse in the neuro and transplant unit of the Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Nicole Ivy Propp** and John Warren Butler were married on May 3, 2011, in Las Vegas, NV. Nicole is a business consultant and project manager for Proper Power & Energy Inc.

**Renee Sambataro** married **Ryan Belz '08** at Sacred Heart Church in downtown Tampa on Feb. 26, 2011. Their wedding party included **Justin Valdes '09**, **Natalie Scheid '08**, **Brittany Ramone '08** and **Christine Falconi '09**. Email: [rbelz2@gmail.com](mailto:rbelz2@gmail.com)

**09 Katrina Castillo** is currently earning her next degree at Valparaiso University School of Law. Email: [Katrina.utcr@gmail.com](mailto:Katrina.utcr@gmail.com)

**Taylor Flatt** was promoted to the position of sports information director at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, AL. Flatt previously served as the assistant sports information director.

**Katie Lundberg** of Bloomfield Hills, MI, works for Siding World as marketing coordinator for the multi-state, exterior building materials company. She had previously worked as a manager for Saks Fifth Avenue in New York.

**10 Nicole Denny MBA** passed the CPA exam in June 2011 and is currently applying for licensure, while working as an experienced associate at PwC Miami.

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**Sam Kicak** is working as a personal trainer for RobZ Fitness in Brandon, FL. Sam was mentioned



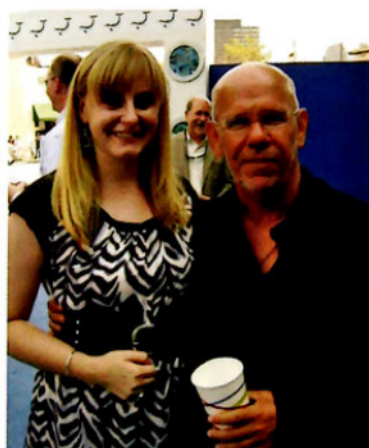
briefly in August in an article on the website [www.tbo.com](http://www.tbo.com).

**Pascal Millien** traveled to Haiti in August as part of an effort to send 250,000 meals to hungry children in his homeland. At that time he played soccer for FC Tampa Bay, which partners with Feeding Children Everywhere. Millien, now a free agent, was featured on a WFTS-TV/ABC Action News *Positively Tampa Bay* story about the relief effort.

**Alex Monroe** launched a new website, *ThatsGlitchy.com*. He describes it as "a place for 80s and 90s babies to rejoice. It features trendy news, music, fashion, interviews, blast from the past stories and lots more."

**Saige Steinmetz** was named to the 2011 Lingerie Football League all-fantasy game in July.

**Meghan Sherman** has signed her second professional volleyball contract, according to the *St.*



**Kelsey Stroop '10 and Charles Martin Smith**

*Augustine Record*. Sherman signed with the pro team in Ljungby, Sweden. Megan has been overseas since Jan. 3 when she signed with the BRSE volleyball club in Békéscsaba, Hungary. That season ended in late April.

**Kelsey Stroop** spent most of the last year working on the motion picture "Dolphin Tale." She served as the assistant to director Charles Martin Smith during

## ALUMNUS, FORMER NEWS PRODUCER DIES

Bernard "Bernie" Cohen '51, a former producer for ABC's *World News Tonight* and *20/20* programs, died on August 27, 2011, in New Hyde Park, NY. He was 84. After graduation, Cohen played for the Brooklyn Dodgers' farm team until an injury to his pitching elbow forced him to change careers. He was hired by ABC-TV in 1965 and, over the years, was a producer for many well-known TV personalities, including Geraldo Rivera, Frank Reynolds, Harry Reasoner, Barbara Walters, Peter Jennings, John Stossel, Hugh Downs and Tom Jarriel. With Cohen as his producer, Jarriel won an Emmy Award in the mid-80s. Cohen was awarded an honorary doctorate by UT in 1986.

filming and post production. In a September article on [fox40.com](http://fox40.com), the director said "[Stroop] did such a good job on *Dolphin Tale* that I offered her a job to remain as my assistant."

**Ryan Thompson** is playing goalkeeper for the Shamrock Rovers soccer club in Dublin, Ireland. In September his club defeated Partizan Belgrade to reach the group stages of the Europa Cup. Thompson also became the first Jamaican and UT alumnus to play in the European Champions League when the Rovers played FC Copenhagen in the third qualifying round on July 27, 2011.

**11 Sarah Friswell** was named a blogger in residence this year on the website Monkeyhouse: Connect 2 Choreography. Friswell is teaching at Impulse Dance Center in Natick, MA.

**Daniella Fusari** was hired as a training specialist with the Big Frog Franchise Group. Big Frog is a retail franchise concept offering environmentally friendly, direct to garment custom-imprinted items with no minimums, no art charges and a 24-hour turnaround.

There are currently more than 30 franchises in 11 states and the parent company is located in Dunedin, FL.

**Jillian Marcus** is about to start teaching physical education at the secondary level in Nassau County, NY. She is also working as a full time lifeguard at the Nassau County Aquatic Center. Email: [jbmarcus@spartans.ut.edu](mailto:jbmarcus@spartans.ut.edu)

**Adrian Martinez** was named sports information graduate assistant at Florida International University.

**Carli Todd** was named sports information graduate assistant at DePaul University.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Alumni

Bruce Klay '47  
James L. Ghiotto '50  
Bernard "Bernie" Cohen '51  
Frederick Hogan '63  
James M. Gollighugh '69  
Virginia (Hunt) Slaven '69  
Bruce Dinkins '73  
Richard Kehrer '73  
Michael Levy Richard MBA '82  
Sharon J. Lynch '82  
Sarah Frenzel-Pinckney MBA '92



## Cocktails and Conversation

Lisa Vodola '05 and Nancy Jennings '03 chat about times past at UT and how to get more involved with the Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter (TBAC) at the chapter's kickoff on Sept. 15 at Fly Bar in downtown Tampa. The chapter has an exciting and diverse array of activities planned. The schedule for this year can be found on the alumni website at [alumni.ut.edu](http://alumni.ut.edu). For more information about joining the TBAC, contact Chapter President Kristina Justen '05 MIS '09 at [tampabayalumni@spartans.ut.edu](mailto:tampabayalumni@spartans.ut.edu)





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# HOMECOM REUNIONS

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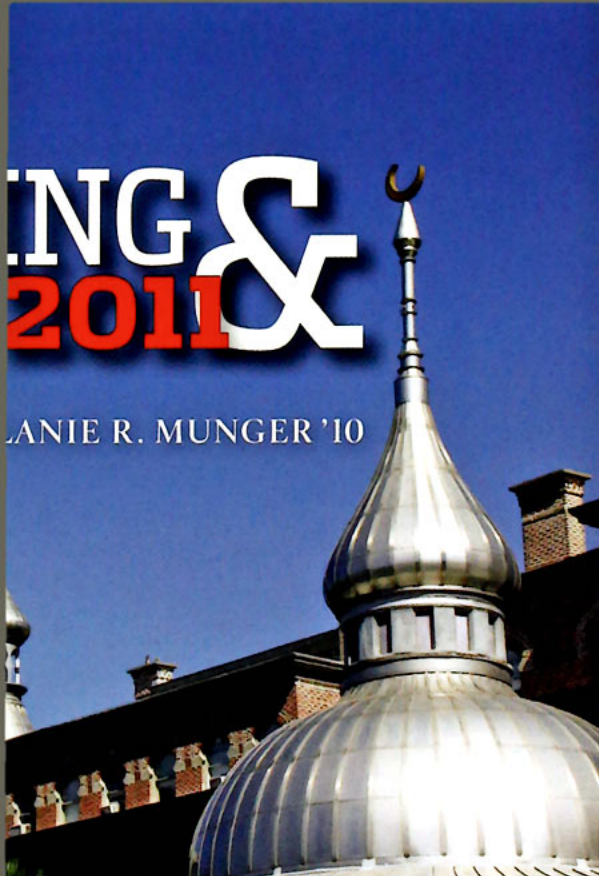
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UT celebrated Homecoming 2011 on Oct. 20-22. The weekend kicked off with the President's Reception (7 and 9) on the East Verandah. The Rathskeller reopened as a bar for one night only (2). On Saturday, the Decade of the '50s and the Decade of the '60s Open House and Brunch (3 and 4) were held in the Vaughn Center; alumni participated in a Minaret Climb (1); and the Grand Salon was transformed into a German beer hall for an Oktoberfest celebration (6 and 8). Seniors Darren Andersen and Kelsey Thomas were crowned the Homecoming King and Queen (5, third and second from right).

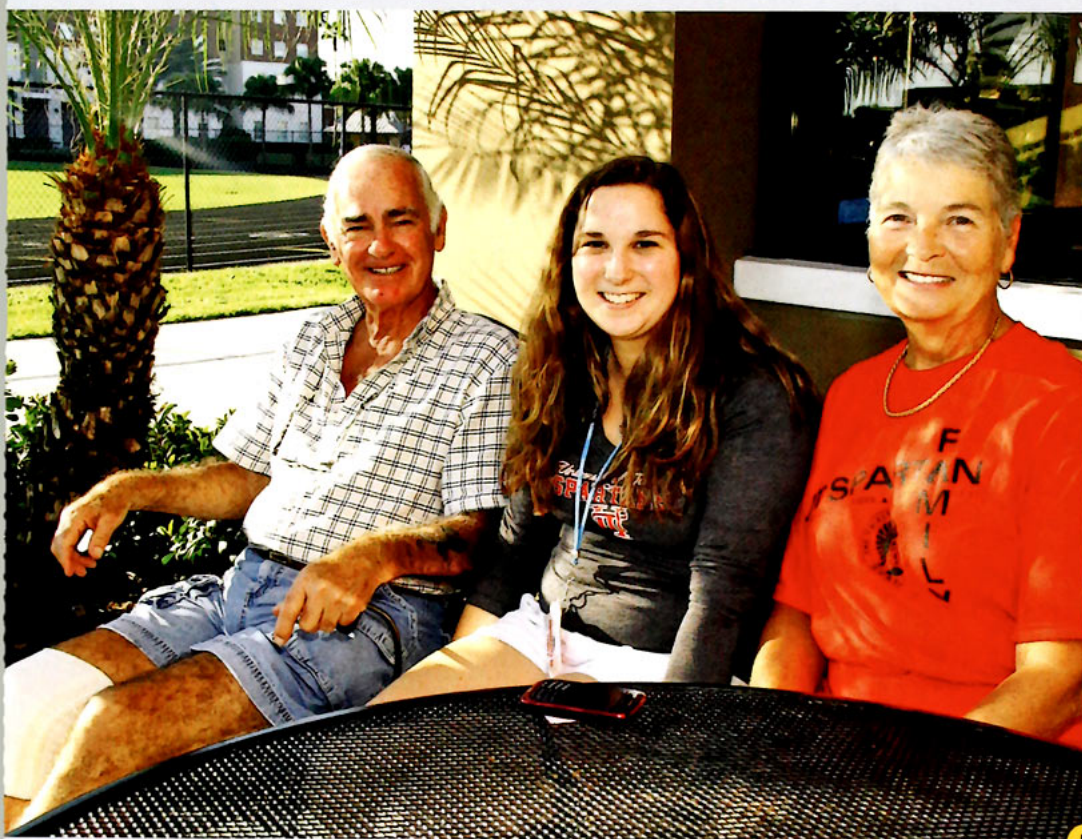


# 2011 FAMILY WEEKEND

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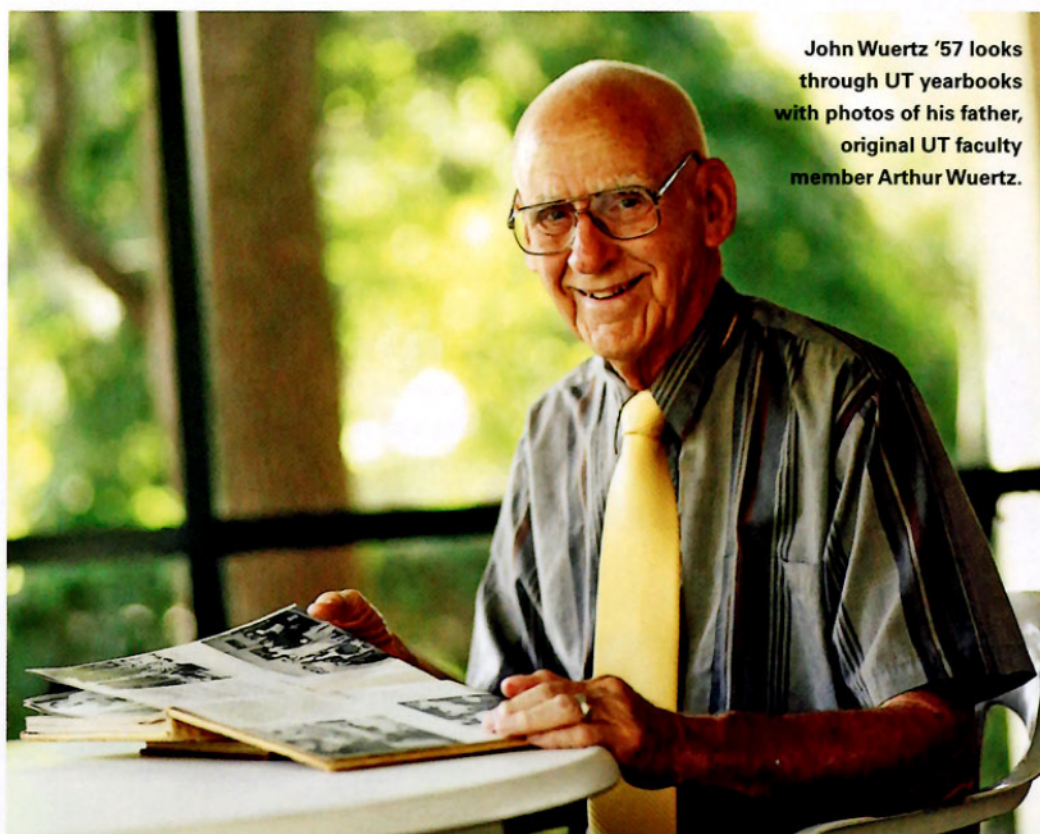
Family Weekend 2011 was held Oct. 14-15 and had a record turnout. On Friday, families enjoyed a Family Association Reception (2) at the Vaughn Center and a Campus Barbecue at Stadium Center (3 and 5). Events on Saturday included the Spartan Challenge 5K (1) and a Breakfast with the Dean of Students. Members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (4) music fraternity sang at the breakfast.



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## WHY I GIVE: John Wuertz '57



John Wuertz '57 looks through UT yearbooks with photos of his father, original UT faculty member Arthur Wuertz.

**Major:** Elementary Education  
**Profession:** Retired principal, Pinellas County School District

**Q: What were you involved in at UT?**

**A:** I was a drummer in the band and had a band scholarship. My scholarship covered \$100 a semester of the tuition, so I only paid \$50 each semester. (Believe it or not, tuition was \$150 per semester.) I also was a member of Sigma Kappa Nu.

**Q: Favorite place on campus?**

**A:** Plant Hall. We attended classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for four hours, then had about an hour and a half gap. You can imagine 850 students getting out of class and heading to Plant Hall to visit friends. It was

a popular place. Many of the professors would even come and mingle with the students. It gave us an opportunity to ask questions and really get to know the faculty. It was a wonderful feeling!

**Q: Most memorable professor?**

**A:** My favorite was Wiltse Lyman, director of music and associate professor of voice and violin. He was a great instructor, he helped me get my scholarship — and I dated his daughter! Dean M.C. Rhodes, professor of mathematics, was another favorite.

**Q: Your father, Arthur Wuertz, was an original UT faculty member?**

**A:** Yes, my father was a faculty member during the Depression, around 1931. He taught engineering and drafting.

He told so many stories about how the University helped students. Many students didn't have the resources to pay tuition, but my father and the other faculty members told them to come to class and pay what they could. Most students only had change; they gave Dad quarters, dimes, nickels, even pennies. At the end of the week, the faculty would divide what the students had given them. That's how they got paid. Those were very dark days.

**Q: How did UT prepare you for your career?**

**A:** The education was excellent. I went on to teach and eventually became a principal.

**Q: What do you like best about UT?**

**A:** UT has always been innovative and supportive of their students. I remember in the early '50s, before the Salk vaccine, when UT gave scholarships for wheelchair-bound students, many of whom were polio victims. They also gave scholarships to "friends" of these students who would attend the university and support a wheelchair-bound student, help them get to classes, etc.

**Q: How do you stay connected to UT?**

**A:** My wife, Marian, and I often attend UT functions like the Decade of the '50s. We love to come back to campus whenever we're invited.

**Q: Why do you support UT?**

**A:** Someone once gave so I could have my band scholarship. I don't know who supported my scholarship, but I do know I couldn't have completed my education without it.



leaving a legacy

## A Secure Future for You and UT



Estello Delo poses with the grandfather clock given to her late husband David when he retired as president of UT.

WHEN MAKING THEIR LONG-TERM financial plans, David Delo, former president of UT, and his wife, Estelle, naturally wished to include a gift to the University. There were many options for them to choose from, but they ultimately chose to set up a charitable gift annuity, or CGA. This type of gift allowed the Delos to make a substantial gift to the University and receive a steady stream of income for the rest of their lives.

Although David Delo passed away in 2004, Estelle continues to celebrate his life through her wonderful memories and experiences at UT. She recognizes that through her husband's careful planning, he has provided financial security for her and ensured that UT students will realize their dreams for generations to come.

The Delos established their CGA a number of years ago, but with today's uncertain economy, this type of giving vehicle is even more opportune. The idea of guaranteed income may seem impossible to those watching their investments fluctuate wildly, but investing in a CGA really can provide some peace of mind. An 80-year-old UT alumna, for example, could receive a 7.5 percent return — guaranteed for life — while also making a generous gift to her alma mater.

### HOW IT WORKS

Are you interested in turning your life-changing experience at UT into a legacy that could impact generations of future UT students? Consider establishing a charitable gift annuity.

A CGA is a simple contract between

you and UT. You make a donation and we, in turn, agree to pay you a fixed amount each year for the rest of your life. The rate of payment you receive doesn't fluctuate with the stock market, interest rates or inflation. It is firmly set at the time of your gift and never changes. After your lifetime, the remaining balance will be used to ensure that future UT students have the same amazing experience you remember.

### BENEFITS OF A CGA

- You can potentially increase your disposable income.
- You will receive an income tax deduction on a portion of your gift.
- A portion of the payments you receive are income tax free throughout your estimated life expectancy.
- If you use stocks to make your gift, long-term capital gains income can be spread out over several years in most cases.
- After your lifetime, the remainder of your gift will benefit the students at the University, ensuring they have the same great educational experiences that you did.

Interested in setting up a charitable gift annuity? Feel free to contact us with your questions and to discuss the payment rate you could receive.



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# New Board of Trustee Members



Allen Brinkman



William H. McGill Jr.



Leo Berman '69



A. William "Bill" Goede



Michael S. Southard '82

THE UT BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS added five members and four ex-officio members.

Trustees who began their term in January 2011 include:

Allen Brinkman is chairman, president and CEO of SunTrust Bank, Tampa Bay. He serves on the Tampa Bay Partnership Executive Committee and the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Council Executive Committee.

William H. McGill Jr. is chairman of the board, CEO and president of MarineMax Inc. Based in Clearwater, FL, MarineMax is the nation's largest recreational boat and yacht retailer.

Trustees who began their term in June 2011 include:

Leo Berman '69 is serving his third term on the board. He is president of HLB Management, the parent company for family owned businesses in New Jersey and Palm Beach County, FL.

A. William "Bill" Goede is the market president for Tampa Bay and business banking marketing executive for the Tampa Bay/Northwest Florida region for Bank of America. He serves on the boards of the Straz Center for the Performing Arts, the Homeless Emergency Project and the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

Michael S. Southard '82 is the national sales manager for Kichler Landscape Lighting. Based in Cleveland, OH, Kichler manufactures and sells residential landscape lighting throughout the world. His daughter, Ashley, is a UT senior.

New ex-officio members include Al Van Voris, president of the Chiselers; Kyle Parks MBA '08, president of the Board of Fellows; Bob Buckhorn, mayor of Tampa; and Cathy Bellatin '93, president of the National Alumni Association.

For a complete listing of trustees go to [www.ut.edu/trustees](http://www.ut.edu/trustees).

## GIFTS IN HONOR AND IN MEMORIAM

*Gifts made from June 7-Sept. 22, 2011.*

### In Memory

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**ANGIE JOSEPH**

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**BOB RUDAY**

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## NEW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Sally and Jack Jenkins Music Service Endowed Award  
Douglas Kozar Memorial Endowed Scholarship  
The Naimoli Family Endowed Scholarship for Baseball  
The Naimoli Family Endowed Scholarship for Softball  
Bob Ruday Endowed Award for Ethical Leadership

## ENDOWED CENTERS, CHAIRS, INSTITUTES AND PROGRAMS

Anita Claire Scharf Endowed Program  
John B. and Michéal West Endowment for Entrepreneurship  
John B. and Michéal West Endowment for Faith and Values



Hiking partners Fred Rhoderick '93 and Robert Keller '94 pose on the Montana/Idaho border.

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## Still Learning

FRED RHODERICK '93 AND ROBERT KELLER '94 may seem to have little in common — Robert is more than 10 years older than Fred, and they live in different parts of the country. Below,

taken advice, and continued conversations that began as students in the early '90s. UT made this possible.

Recently, I spent a week with Robert Keller, one of my classmates in the

**"Over all of those grueling miles, Fred and I determined that our time at UT still bonds us."** —ROBERT KELLER '94

the two men explain how their experiences at UT brought them together as students and then again more than 15 years after graduation. ...

Fred: One of the reasons I chose UT was the low faculty-to-student ratio. The small classes encouraged a sense of commitment to your degree program and fellow students.

I have shared some of the most meaningful experiences of my life with fellow UT alumni. I have climbed difficult routes in the Teton and Cascade mountain ranges, driven countless miles to share holidays, watched our respective children grow, given and

biology program at UT. Both Robert and I love the wilderness and planned to go on a backpacking trip together to reconnect.

Over the course of six days, 62 miles and two states, we took in the beauty of the mountains, wildflowers and wildlife. One recurring conversation we had involved our experiences at UT. Coming from very different backgrounds, we were amazed how similar our experiences were. We recounted friends and laughter, classroom experiences, favorite faculty and what UT really meant to the two of us.

Part of the college experience in-

volves redefining oneself, focusing, maturing, and often leaving the security of family and friends. UT provides a wonderful learning environment. Faculty serve as mentors, offering direction and helping students grow. UT graduates go into the real world prepared to address the problems of today.

UT has played a meaningful part in my life. The relationships I developed during my time at the University have been long lasting and more fulfilling than I ever imagined.

Robert: "When you make a bad decision out here, it has serious consequences," Fred noted. We had just crossed a snowfield across the narrow footpath we had been following in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness on the Montana-Idaho border. A snowfield might be something you'd usually expect to encounter while hiking across a mountain pass at 7,200 feet — except this was in late August. To call the crossing "treacherous" was an understatement!

Fred and I had recently reestablished a friendship that had begun during our years at UT. Like most of my other classmates at the time, Fred was in his early 20s and ready to venture out into the world for the first time. Me? I was well into my 30s, fresh home from Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Yet there I was, joyfully grinding out a tough biology class with a bunch of kids.

In 1992, there were very few non-traditional students at UT, but I made the decision to enroll anyway. *Maybe they won't notice*, I thought. Believe me, they noticed!

But then something funny happened. Once I was acclimated, I entered into the ageless, dimensionless category known as a



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“student.” Age no longer mattered.

What did matter was your dedication to your education. If you worked as hard as everyone else, then you were OK. No one, young or old, ever made it out of the biology department at UT without working hard. That’s what bonded us all together.

Over all of those grueling miles, Fred and I determined that our time at UT still bonds us. Now we understand, just like crossing that snowfield, the decisions that you make in life have serious consequences. We agreed that our decision to attend UT was one of the best. Crossing that snowfield? We’re still in deliberation about that one.

... All students at UT benefit from annual fund contributions. The small class size and low faculty-to-student ratio Fred and Robert enjoyed are supported by the annual fund. Donations help UT create strong academic programs that draw students with a passion for learning. More than 15 years later, Fred and Robert still benefit from annual fund support through the degrees they earned and the friendships they formed while at UT.

## FOUNDER’S SON INVESTS IN UT

A pilot program to enable UT to create a virtual space online for students to explore social, economic and political challenges with a national scope has been launched this fall. The program was made possible thanks to a generous donation from David Spaulding, younger son of the University’s founding president, Frederic H. Spaulding.

Over the course of the semester, three such challenges will be the topics of conversation for this community, made up of UT students and scholars. This virtual space will provide a place where ideas and people are treated with respect, and participants seek to understand as well as to be understood. The idea behind this virtual community is that we can do more good together the more we understand each other.

This project will benefit students in a variety of classes across University disciplines. Scott Paine, associate professor of communication/government and world affairs, will engage the students in two of his classes (approximately 50 students). Bruce Friesen, associate professor of sociology, is participating with one of his classes as well.

Spaulding supported this new initiative to enable the University to use the Internet to help inform a young citizenry, and perhaps through these conversations find some clarity in what ails our society. The plan is to expand the program in future semesters to more students and faculty across the University. Citizens, practitioners and decision-makers will be invited to participate with UT students in future rounds of the project.

## Board of Counselors Celebrate 50 Years

THE BOARD OF COUNSELORS, ESTABLISHED IN 1962, IS celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2012. Counselors organize events to raise awareness and funds for UT and offer valuable networking opportunities and guidance to UT students. The group includes nearly 50 volunteer members who serve as UT ambassadors in the community. Signature programs include the Spartan Challenge 5K, a Speed Networking Night, the Cigars and Mojitos Social and the new Top Shot Tournament (in partnership with the Board of Fellows). Members also have opportunities to network with peers who share their belief in the value of higher education at various socials and celebrations throughout the year. For more information about the Board of Counselors, visit [www.ut.edu/boardofcounselors/](http://www.ut.edu/boardofcounselors/).

The 2011-2012 Board of Counselors Steering Committee being introduced at the kickoff: (from left) Ali Carr, Damian Wingate, Tiffany Bigio and Aakash Patel.





## DECK THE HALLS

Children transform half pint milk cartons into gingerbread houses and enjoy a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus during a kids' program at the Henry B. Plant Museum circa 1986. The program was part of the museum's Victorian Candlelight Tours, which has evolved over the years into the Victorian Christmas Stroll held Dec. 1-23 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.





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Head coach Rory Whipple gives the new UT men's lacrosse team a pep talk before their Oct. 15 exhibition doubleheader against Florida State and South Florida. The team won both contests, outscoring its opponents 21-12.

